

WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM?

- This Program assists with developing goals about housing, employment, and education. ILP also assists with the necessary documentation for living on your own.
- Incentives are given for participation in most of the ILP classes and workshops. Incentive amounts will vary based on the workshop.
- Incentives are given for obtaining a high school diploma or GED.
- Youth are able to network with other youth.
- Youth are given the opportunity to develop and practice skills that can be utilized throughout life.

OUT OF COUNTY OR STATE ILP SERVICES

The Independent Living Program is offered nationwide. The youth's social worker must complete an ILP referral when the youth is placed outside of San Bernardino County.

MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the Independent Living Program is to ensure that youth exiting foster care are given ample opportunity to develop a comprehensive framework of strategies that can be utilized in pursuit of obtaining financial independence. Staff strives to provide a supportive, enriching environment in which youth will be encouraged to pursue post secondary education and/or job training that will help them to build a foundation of independence. Youth will acquire the necessary tools to thrive in today's competitive society through various strategies. The Independent Living Program maintains that collaboration with community members, social workers, foster parents and educators is a crucial component in ensuring successful transition. The Independent Living Program acts as a bridge to support its youth as they embark upon the challenging journey to adulthood.

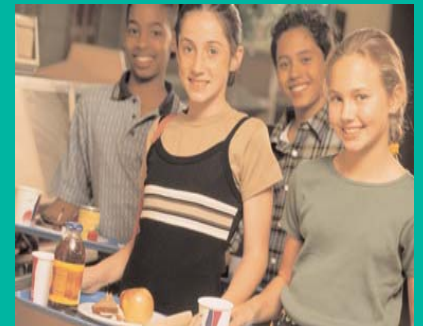
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WHAT IS THE INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAM?

The Independent Living Program (ILP) is a federally mandated program, which receives both federal and state funding. The Independent Living Program was established to assist youth with the supportive services and skills necessary to transition from the foster care system to self-sufficiency.



WHO PROVIDES THESE SERVICES?

The Independent Living Program is under the San Bernardino County Department of Children's Services. The ILP works in collaboration with contract vendors to provide training and services for youth.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR ILP SERVICES?

Youth meeting the following criteria:

- Between the ages of 16 to 21
- Currently or have been in out of home care, after age 16
- Has been or is a dependent or ward of the Juvenile Court after age 16

Once a youth is eligible for ILP services they remain eligible until age 21 even if they return to their parents care.

SOME OF THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO ILP YOUTHS

- One day workshops and conferences on specific topics.
- Ten week "hard and soft skill" class series.
- Self paced workbooks and other individually tailored plans
- Tutoring
- Scholarships to Four Year Universities and Junior Colleges
- College and vocational program tours
- Assistance in applying for college
- Youth Advisory Board
- Driver's Training
- Assistance with purchasing your first car through car match funds
- Computer Training Classes

ABOUT THE WORKSHOPS

The workshops and classes are offered in the West Valley (Rancho Cucamonga, Ontario, Chino, Chino Hills, Etiwanda, Upland, Fontana, Rialto, Montclair, and Bloomington), East Valley (San Bernardino, Colton, Redlands, Yucaipa, Highland, Calimsea, Muscoy, Devore, Grand Terrace, Loma Linda, and the San Bernardino Mountains), and Desert (Victorville, Barstow, Hesperia, Apple Valley, Yucca Valley and other desert areas) regions. The classes are generally located at local college campuses, libraries and community centers. (Transportation is provided to most of the workshops and events). Some of the topics that are included in the class curriculum are:

- Interpersonal growth and self-esteem
- Short and long term goal planning
- Emotional and physical health issues
- Alcohol and drug abuse
- Family planning & parenting
- Consumer awareness
- Money management and budgeting
- Tenant and landlord rights
- Financial Aid

